Pepler, Mr. & Mrs. T. S. G. (Helen M.) [re son's death, & Belgian Relief] April-May 1917

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Answered

557 Huron St
April 6th/17

Dear Mr. Falconer

Thanks very much for your kind letter of sympathy on the report of my son's being killed in action.

I enclose copy of a letter we received from the commanding officer of his squadron, thinking you might be interested, Stanley being an old varsity boy.

Again thanking you on behalf of Mrs Kepler as well as myself, I am

Sincerely yours
H. E. Kepler

Copy of Telegram received March 24th.

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Paper, Mr. & Mrs. T. S. G. (Helen M.) re sons death, & Belgian Relief, April-May 1917

Copy of Telegram received March 24th.

Ottawa, March 23rd.

Mrs. T.S.G.Pepler,

557 Huron St.,

Deeply regret inform you cable received to-day states Lieut. Stanley James Pepler, infantry, previously reported missing, now reported killed March sixth nineteen seventeen. War Office reports information received from unofficial but apparently reliable source.

Officer in Charge, Records.

Copy of letter from Major Douglas C.O.No.43 Sq. R.F.C.
Received March 31, 1917.

No.43 Sq.R.F.C. B.E.F. 10/8/17.

Dear Mrs Pepler:

You will have heard by now that your son is missing. I am afraid I can hold out very, very little hope of his being alive, as his machine was seen by several of our pilots falling out of control over the German lines. It would, I am afraid be false kindness to hold out any hopes. Your son was flying in a formation with five of our machines over the German lines. Our machines were attacked by eight fast German fighting machines, and a general fight ensued. As far as I can make out, your son was only fighting with one German, when another got behind him and shot him down.

It is of very little use for me, I know, to try and express my sympathies, I cannot hope to do it adequately. But you will like to know that your son was one of my best pilots, skilful at handling his machine, and always courageous and reliable in any dangerous task. I am extremely sorry to lose him. If there is anything I can do for you, or anything you would care to know, please let me know. If I hear any further news I will at once inform you, but as I have said before I can hold out practically no hope of his safety.

It will be a slight alleviation for you to know that he met his end fighting gallantly and well, I am,

Yours sincerely,

W. S. Douglas,

(Major R. F. C.)

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May 6th 1917

President Falconer
University of Toronto

Dear Dr. Falconer

An urgent appeal has come to us from the International Commission for Relief in Belgium. The rations supplied the children have been found insufficient & in consequence, 1,250,000 children are facing death from slow starvation.

A strong working committee of twenty-five, with Mr. J. N. Woods as president & Sir Edmund Osler as honorary treasurer, is organizing a campaign to raise funds. The members are desirous of arousing

further interest & sympathy among the people of Toronto & with this end in view, are asking one hundred prominent citizens to allow their names to appear as patrons of this great work. Will you kindly permit your name to be included in this list? A prompt reply will be much appreciated.

Yours very truly
Helen M. Peplee
Convener
per C.B.L.

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May 7th, 1917

Mrs. Helen W. Pepler,

80 King Street West,

Toronto.

Dear Mrs. Pepler:

Of course I am deeply interested in Belgian Relief, and if my name is any good to you you may use it, though I feel that my connection with the Serbian Relief Fund demands as much as I can give of my time beyond that remaining after the many urgent duties that are now thronging.

I am,

Yours sincerely,

President.